GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR COMPUTER LITERACY
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted for computer literacy in urban and rural areas separately of the country during each of the last three years and till date, State-Wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated for the purpose in the different parts of the country are not being utilised by the concerned departments; and

(c) if so, the specific reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : This Department has launched a scheme of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools" during 2004-05 by merging the revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Scheme and Educational Technology (ET) Scheme. Under the scheme funds are provided to the States/UTs for imparting computer education in Government and Government-aided Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools based on the Computer Education Plans submitted by the States/UTs in the ratio of 75:25 and 90:10 for General Category and Special Category States/UTs respectively.

There is no specific provision for allocation of funds for computer literacy in rural or urban areas. However, under the universalization of Computer Literacy component of the scheme financial assistance is provided to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) for imparting computer literacy to not more than 10 neighbourhood schools within a radius of 3-4 Kilometers. Funds @ Rs. 20,000/- per neighbourhood school are provided to KVS/NVS. These neighbourhood schools are located both in rural & urban areas. No financial assistance is given for this purpose to States/UTs.

The details of funds released to various States/UTs during the last three years are at Annexure I.

No report of non-utilisation of funds for the purpose for which funds are allocated has been received in the Ministry. Out of 6 States to whom financial assistance was released during 2002-03, full utilisation has been reported by the Governments of West Bengal, Goa and Sikkim. The utilisation certificates have not been received from the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Chhattisgarh so far. The financial assistance released to Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2004-05 was on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by them, hence the question of non-utilisation does not arise. The unutilized amount, if any, lying with the Governments of Tamil Nadu , Haryana and Chhattisgarh would be adjusted at the time of further release of financial assistance to these States under the ICT @ Schools Scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2327 FOR 9.8.2005 REGARDING "FUNDS FOR COMPUTER LITERACY" ASKED BY SHRI HITEN BARMAN INDICATING THE DETAILS OF FUNDS RELEASED TO STATES/UTs FOR COMPUTER LITERACY DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

Sr. No.	State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
01	West Bengal	Rs.4,69,84,125 No financial assistance was released to the State during 2003-04		
02.	Chattisgarh	Rs.2,50,00,000		
03.	Goa	Rs.1,25,00,000		
04.	Sikkim	Rs. 72,50,000		
05.	Tamilnadu	Rs. 72,65,875		
06.	Haryana	Rs. 39,30,000		
07.	Karnataka			Rs.3,89,52,500
08.	Andhra Pradesh			Rs.5,27,59,375

During the current financial year i.e. 2005-06 no funds have been released to the States/UTs so far.